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Courtesies Now Between The Foes

******************************* "Stoessel praises the bravery and kindness of the Japanese, who take great care of the Russian wounded. He feels proud of fighting such foes." This statement of a press commander in Port Arthur is a sam-

ple of many others recently made by Russians, showing a very great and significant change in their sentiments since the days before the war, when they applied only the most contemptuous epithets to the Japanese. In his lutely harmless famous order of the day before the advance at Shakhe,-an order which is said in London, by the way, to have been forced upon Kuropatkin by Alexieff,-Kuropatkin referred to the "brave and gallant" enemy. Six months ago such words from a Russian would have sounded extraordinary, but now they are only one of many testimonials by Russians to the virtues of their foes. The charges of killing wounded, of savage violation of the rules of war, seem to have dropped out of sight. Kuropatkin was recently quoted as praising the Japanese for their fair observance of the rules of warfare and as making the somewhat incongruous comment that in this respect the present war is the most "pleasant" he has ever engaged in. On the other hand the Japanese also pay tribute to their foes. In his birthday address, just after the recent great battle caused by Kuropatkin's attempt to take the aggressive. Emperor Mutsohito spoke his regrets not only for the thousands of Japanese killed, but also for the thousands dead on the other side. BILLIOUSNESS, or HEADACHE

The fighting in the war so far, in which each side has found that the from any cause it is without an other can show bravery as well as strategy equal to its own, has given equal, the Russ and the Jap new ideas of each other. The Jap has found that his early impressions, made by comparatively easy attacks upon ill organized forces not in positions to do the fighting that was in them, were very effects of overindulgence in eating, wrong. Perhaps the early stages of the war made the Japanese think, as many press correspondents appeared to think, that Japanese were invincible, that all that were necessary for them to succeed in taking a position were the men and the order to advance. But they know better now. Linoyang and Shakhe have taught them that their own men can retire before Russians, leaving guns behind, and have taught the world that the Japanese after all are, as was all the time insisted by some, human and capable of being driven like other human fighters. To have carried out the rather absurd ideas of some of the eulogists, they should have died to the man in for an Adult. every position they won, being more happy to perish for the emperor than not to. But they didn't. They retired, as other soldiers retire, when positions became too hot, and sometimes they left guns behind. In the last battle the same positions were taken and retaken over half a dozen times. It has all been a lesson, perhaps a good deal needed, which will correct the impression of the world and of Japan herself possibly, that her soldiers are something mysteriously superior to those of other races,-a wondrous force against which the white man cannot hope to stand. As for the Russian, he has had a much severer lesson. The Russian who knows the Japanese is ready now to recognize him as a fellowman. The survivors of the war will take back to Russia a different idea from that with which most soldiers appeared to leave home, as shown by correspondence sent back. This idea was seen to be in many cases that the Japanese were a lot of impudent little barbarians who were about to be given a needed thrashing by Russians, and that they would kill and torture any prisoners or wounded who came into their possession. Thousands of Russians in the ranks and thousands more in hospitals and prisons know better now. When peace comes, if it comes with anything like a just settlement of the issues at stake, it tions will be placed before the commiswill bring a better feeling between Russ and Jap than has ever existed sion as a justification for Rozhdestven-

As a sample of the many reported courtesies which have succeeded the duct seems to be shown by the fact tention. Engraving of crests and monearlier bitterness, the following, by a correspondent from the front, whether that the admiral has just been promot- ograms a specialty. true or not, makes a very pretty story: "During the preliminary fighting ed and imperial thanks have been sent in Korea, the Governor of Wiju, wishing to stand well with both combatants, sent General Mistchenko, for delivery to General Kuropatkin, two enormous Chinese vases of thirteenth century workmanship. General Mist-from sailing their vessels without run-hanko handed them over to General Sassulich, after whose retreat from Feng-wang-cheng they were found by the Japanese. General Kuroki ning into each other or anything eise, promptly despatched them to the Russian outposts with a floweringly. has been the attack on trawlers, it is to polite note, ending, 'May the flowers of friendship blosson high in these be presumed that the Czar means to vases.' In Kuropatkin's reply he referred to the Japanese as 'a people of congratulate them for a showing of out afterwards. So a hostile fleet on generous friends whom I visited in peace, of magnanimous foes in war, at vigilance. whose hands even defeat is no disgrace.' '

A Curiosity Of Lawmaking

********* was such a section on the statute

be repealed or amended in the coming session of the legislature. It was designed to prevent prizefights-and heaven knows that there have been prizefights here which should have been prevented by its application,-but under the terms of the law a public debate is an affray. If two highly respected citizens should hire a hall to argue over the Immortality of the Soul they might be sent to jail for six months' hard labor under this amazing bit encountered the fishermen. On the kind. Doubtless the gas company of law. An affray, according to its terms, is any "premeditated contention where no weapons are used." It is obvious that this includes handball and marbles, and as the statute does not limit its application to physical conten- tack in the North Sea and may have see that its pipes are such as will not tion, perhaps the members of the Chess Club are guilty of affray whenever they sit in silence on opposite sides of a table and indulge in a premeditated weaponless contention on the chess board. As the spectators, ers which he appears to have decided promoters and all others are in the same class criminally with the principles, we have here a most far reaching statute. Certainly football is a "premeditated contention where no weapons are used" and is therefore an affray within the meaning of the law.

The "tence of such laws, like some of our Sunday laws, makes the doctrine of which much is heard lately,-of stern enforcement of laws as they are until they are repealed or changed,- an impossibility. The sheriff must use some discretion in such matters.

********* Would Americans Have Fired Too?

If the Russians succeeded in winning their case, before the commission which is investigating the North Sea affair, to the extent of securing a decision that they were justified in sponsible in damages for the conse-

quences, it will be by establishing a new principle which will make the nations of earth more than ever anxious to avoid war when naval activity is one of the features. The contention, which is finding some voice even in that naval warfare is more dangerous two songs by the sunday school. It is American journals, is that the danger to the Russians is so imminent that now to the commerce of the entire designed to make this a Rally Day for they are justified in firing at once when approached by any unknown craft world than ever before. An additional within a distance which would be short enough to make sudden attack effective. An American naval officer has stated that if the American squadron which was on guard at Santiago during the Spanish war had suddenly Far East. As the Baltic fleet proceeds discovered a fleet of fishing boats, it would in all probability have fired on its peril increases. How about the them just as did the Russians in the North Sea. For weeks the tension was next time the Russians sight something with the people of Nippon (only reextreme, in the constant danger of a torpedo attack, says this officer, who that looks anapicious? According to cently returning from the country) will without giving his name says he was one of those present. It is evident the North Sea action, and, it must be that the nervous strain among the Russians must be much greater after the admitted, according to common sense, that the nervous strain among the Russians must be much greater after the admitted, according to common sense, the safest way is to fire first and then all.

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sky. That the Czar approves his con-

culing the Russian admiral with the away with a good deal of freedom at Section 312 of the penal code, unspellable name, there are two sides anything that may seem to be suspiciquoted yesterday in The Star, has to his case. It is quite well known attracted a good deal of attention, that a small, innocent-looking craft Not many people knew that there might contain an engine of destruction can naval officer already quoted said. capable of sending a big battleship to the Russians should not be so roundly and is one of the first which should battleship to do? To approach close enough to find out whether there is The article published elsewhere redanger is to risk destruction. It is garding a danger of killing trees by claimed that Rozhdestvensky was far escaping gas from pipes, is a warning out of his course and need not have in time to prevent local trouble of the other hand he claims to have been which is about to operate here will profit warned against possible Japanese at- by the experiences of other cities and gone out of his course to avoid it, only leak. to encounter a fleet of unknown steam-Were a source of danger. The unfor- for campaign expenses Candidate Nottunate Alexieff has cost his country grave disaster and has been a target of ridicule the world over for lack of vigilance. The other admiral went to the other extreme and nearly cost his ents on the Korea were really at the same he will probably ask the commission to which his case is referred, "What was I to do?" Imagine the case if his suspicions had been real and a Church, corner of Beretania and Milbattleship had received a vital wound from some disguised Japanese enemy. This is the Russian argument of the ed to all members of the congregation ************ firing on the trawlers, though re- case, and while it does not absolve the and friends to be present. Short ad-Russians from the charge of reckless. dresses will be made by the pastor and ness, it is not wholly unreasonable,

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